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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/893,666

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Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Joseph T. WOITACH

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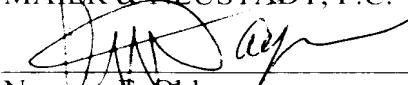
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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III, Claims 6-17, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, drawn to a polynucleotide sequence with the SEQ ID NO: 1, and said sequence in a vector;

Group II: Claim 3, drawn to a protein encoded by the SEQ ID NO: 1; and

Group III: Claims 6-17, drawn to transgenic medaka fish and medaka fish and use thereof.

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Applicants note that the claims of Groups II-III are directly dependent from the claims of Group I, and as such these groups should not be separated.

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